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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

June 21, CHINA, German str., 1,093, P. Hays, Saigon 17th June, Rice.—ED. SCHILLITAS & Co.

June 21, FREDERICK, German bark, 593, Spiesen, Singapore 4th June, Timber.—SIEGMUND & Co.

June 22, MANNHEIM, British str., 2,200, P. T. Hobm, Saigon 18th June, Rice.—RUSSELL & Co.

June 22, COLUMBUS, German ship, 1,371, B. Sauerwald, Cardiff 6th March, Coals.—HORNO CO. LIMITED.

June 22, IRIS, American ship, 1,435, E. W. Harkness, Cardiff 2nd March, Coals.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

June 22, GALATEON, British ship, 1,301, W. Chater, Kuching 13th June, Coals.—OUBRE.

June 22, BERENICE, Astro-Hungarian str., 1,707, G. B. Vezza, Trieste 1st May, General.—A. H. LLORI'S S. N. Co.

June 22, AMOR, British steamer, 814, D'Evigle, from Whampoa, General.—SIEGMUND & Co.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

22ND JUNE.

Chivalier, British str., for Wuhan.

Castor, British str., for Shanghai.

Wm. Phillips, Amer. sch., for Iloilo.

Chi-nu, British str., for Swatow.

Diamante, British str., for Amoy.

Glenrath, British str., for Singapore.

Fyzer, Amer. sch., for New York.

DEPARTURES.

June 22, F. H. DREWS, German ship, for Cebu.

June 22, WIVEN, British turreted ship, for a cruise.

June 22, CAFPO, British str., for Shanghai.

June 22, CHI-TUEN, British str., for Swatow.

June 22, DIAMANTE, British str., for Amoy.

June 22, GLENRAITH, British str., for Singapore.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Memoria, str., from Saigon.—10 Chinese.

Per China, str., from Saigon.—42 Chinese.

Per Friederick, from Singapore.—1 Chinese.

Per Berenice, str., from Trieste, &c.—29 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Foochow, str., for Shanghai.—Dr. Alvarez.

Per Douglas, str., for Swatow.—Rev. T. R. and Yves.

For Amoy.—Mr. C. S. Powell. For Foochow.—Mr. A. D. Muatavia.

REPORTS.

The German steamer *China* reports left Saigon on the 17th June, and had fine weather.

The German ship *Columbus* reports left Cebu on the 6th March, and had very much rain in China, sea.

The British steamer *Memoria* reports left Saigon on the 18th June, and had light variable winds and fine weather.

The American ship *Expedition* reports left Cebu on the 6th March. On the 18th June, a German bark showing RGWS, is in 10° 10' N., long. 125° 05' W., from Hamburg for Valparaiso, steering S.W.; on the 2nd April spoke the American ship *G. W. More*, showing JTRW, in lat. 12° 05' S., long. 29° 47' W., from Iquique for Quito, town, steering N.N.E.; on the 25th spoke a German barkentine showing RGND, in lat. 12° 20' S., long. 16° 00' E., from Marseilles for Macassar, steering E.S.E.; on the 8th June spoke the American ship *Thomas Dase*, in lat. 00° 52' S., long. 107° 31' E., from Manila for New York steering South.

VEHICLES ARRIVED IN EUROPE FROM PORTS IN CHINA, JAPAN, AND MANILA.

(Per last Mail's Advice.)

Hydra, Hongkong, May 6. Gondolines (a.) Shanghai, May 7. Karporen (a.) Shanghai, May 10. Tschiff (a.) Shanghai, May 11. Badische (a.) Yokohama, May 12. Bellerophon (a.) Shanghai, May 13.

VEHICLES EXPECTED AT HONGKONG.

Hightland Chief, Cardigan, Dec. 29. Heinrich, Cardiff, Feb. 14. Antoinette, Penarth, Feb. 19. Frank Pendleton, Penarth, Mar. 23. Annie H. Smith, Cardiff, Mar. 31. Adolf, Hamburg, April 1. Geo. F. Manser, Penarth, April 16. Japanese (a.) Antwerp, April 18. Nippon, Penarth, April 18. Nippon (a.) Hamburg, April 23. Landers, Liverpool via Cardiff, April 23. Grandes, Liverpool via Cardiff, April 27. Isaac Reed, Cardiff, April 28. Monarch, New York, April 28. Papa, Hamburg, May 3. Dismal (a.) Liverpool, May 8. Marabout, Liverpool via Cardiff, May 11. Feroma (a.) Hamburg, May 11. River India (a.) Penarth, May 14. Hawke (a.) London via P'mouth, May 14.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JUNE 23RD, 1885.

The full text of the Franco-Chinese treaty, reproduced in our columns yesterday from the *N. C. Daily News*, modifies to a very large extent the impressions formed from the summary which was published some days ago. The translation given by our northern contemporary is evidently from the Chinese version; when the French version appears it may present still other points of difference.

In the meantime it may be taken for granted that the Chinese version would be couched in language as favourable as possible towards China and would not be likely to convey the impression that more had been conceded to France than was actually the case. This being so, it must be allowed that the terms are not so unfavourable to the latter country as at first appeared. From the summary of the treaty the inference was deduced that Chinese suzerainty over Annam was to be recognised. From the full text it would appear that this is not so, since it expressly stipulated that "whatever treaties and regulations may have been or shall be hereafter entered into between France and Annam, independently, these may be arranged accordingly." There is this proviso, that "with regard to intercourse between China and Annam, it is also clearly stipulated that nothing shall be done to injure the prestige of China." But this, we take it, is merely introduced as a figure of speech to act as a salve to the wounded pride of the Middle Kingdom, for not only does China recognise the treaties already existing between France and Annam, whether the latter had renounced the suzerainty of China, but also undertakes to respect any which may be made in the future. Another point on which the full text differs materially from the summary is as to the possession of Langson and Paosheng. It was at first supposed that these towns were to be recognised as Chinese, but it now seems that the places referred to are not the towns themselves but places to the north of them—how far to the north is not stated. In connection with this point it is important to read the provision relating to the delimitation of the frontier. Both countries are to send officers to determine the boundaries, and if it be possible by slightly altering the boundaries to advantage both countries, supposing the officers on each side are not agreed, the question is to be referred to the higher authorities of the two States. Under this provision it may possibly be intended to draw the new boundary a little south of the existing one; the probabilities are all against any intention to draw it to the north, for China would certainly make a fight against giving up any portion of the sacred soil of the Empire itself. Substantially, it would seem that France has acquired the whole of Tonkin, but is willing to have the frontier drawn in a liberal spirit towards China. So far, therefore, France has not made the humiliating concessions she was at first supposed to have done, though it must be admitted the present treaty contains nothing really material which was not contained in the *Fouzine Convention* and that France has gained no advantage whatsoever by her operations during the last twelve months.

As a correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News* tersely expresses it, "We are now on the 9th June, 1885, just where we were on the 11th May, 1884, with a little warlike episode between." Does it not look a little foolish even on both sides? Perhaps, but it was inevitable. The High Contracting Parties were like two colliers on a Saturday afternoon. A friendly agreement without bloodshed is out of the question, and the highest wisdom of the village declares for letting them "fight it out." Then, and not till then, they will be friends. It is a pity that nations are governed by no higher wisdom than this. This twelve months of "fighting it out" arose from the Bac-lé affair, which again arose from the untruthfulness of either Li Hung Chang or Captain Fournier. The latter said the dates for the evacuation of the various ports in Tonkin had been fixed, while the former said they had not, and in proof of his statement produced a document given by Captain Fournier in which the dates were erased. These erasures Captain Fournier declared were forged. It was clear that one of the negotiators had told a most infamous lie, but it was impossible on the evidence to determine which was the guilty party. As we remarked at the time, the only decision that could be come to was a verdict of "not proven" against both. It will be observed that in the present treaty the French have obtained nothing which can be

construed into a vindication of the honour of Captain Fournier. An expression of regret on the part of China for the occurrence at Bac-lé would have constituted such a vindication, as it would have been equivalent to an admission that the Chinese troops ought to have withdrawn at the date mentioned by Captain Fournier.

The only provision of importance which appears in the new Treaty, in addition to those contained in the *Fouzine Convention*, is that relating to railways. In order to rightly understand the meaning of the clause referring to this matter it will be necessary, we think, to wait for the French text. In the translation from the Chinese text the provision reads:—"The object of France and China in entering into this Treaty being to secure friendly commercial relations between neighbouring States, it is now desired to duly realise this object by France opening up roads in Tonquin and promoting the early construction of railways; and it is agreed that in the future China desires to lay down railroads, the advice of French experts shall be available for this purpose. And in the matter of securing the necessary labour, France will help to the utmost, while it is clearly understood between the two Parties that this clause is not to be construed as confining these relations to France alone."

It was at first thought that the reference was to railways in Tonquin only, but the words "if in the future China desires to lay down railroads" are not followed by any limitation as to place, and as it is clear China cannot make railways in Tonquin, which becomes French territory (with the possible exception of a small strip), it is equally clear the words must refer to China proper. But if this literally means France no advantage over other nations. The advice of French experts is to be "available"; the advice of experts of all other nations is equally available, without any treaty to that effect. It is furthermore stipulated that the clause "is not to be construed as confining these advantages to France alone," from which it would appear that China has been specially on her guard against granting a monopoly. The improbability of a concession to France which could be construed into a monopoly is strengthened by the fact that the provisions of the treaty were negotiated by Sir Robert Hart, who, although he would have had at that time no right to consider the interests of his own country in particular, would nevertheless be able to take a comprehensive view of the effect such a provision would have on the relations of China with other nations. The granting of a monopoly to France of all the railway construction in China could not fail to be looked upon with disfavour by the other treaty powers, particularly England, the United States, and Germany, and it is opposed to the spirit of the earlier treaties, which contain stipulations against the system of monopolies. In the absence of the French text, however, it is impossible to say what the exact value of the provision may be, and, notwithstanding the considerations above set out, there is still room for some apprehension. A Tientsin correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News*, who may or may not have seen the treaty, says:—"The treaty has one objectionable clause in it which disengages members of other nationalities; and that is that concerning railways. All railways to be constructed in this Celestial Empire, are to be first offered to France. He will accept this appointment and is here making arrangements for starting his post of duty. Col. Withers is very much annoyed at a statement printed in the Philadelphia *Times* to the effect that he is a chronic collector, and says he has been living quietly on his farm in Virginia, and is the author of a number of Mr. Bayard's remarkable stories of policy, the wisdom of which, though undoubted, could be appreciated by no one except the Delaware statesmen. The same paper, in its issue of the 6th May, says:—

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